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Sir:

The enclosed Amendment and Response is in reply to the non-final Office Action, mailed October 28, 2008, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Submitted herewith are (1) an Information Disclosure Statement; (2) a Request for Corrected Filing Receipt; and (3) a Petition For Extension of Time.

This paper includes the following:

Amendments to the Specification beginning on page 2

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Appendix A following page 17 with 7 replacement sheets of drawings;

Appendix B following Appendix A is an English translation of Italian Application No. MI2003A001156 and a Statement by the translator regarding the accuracy of the translation (attached as the first page of the translated

Italian patent).